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SUBJECT: US-HUNGARIAN COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE

1. DURING AUGUST 21 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (SEPTEL) MCAULIFFE SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED TO HIS KEEN REGRET THAT DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER VANCSA HAD FOUND IT NECESSARY TO DEFER HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. THAT HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MID AND LATE SEPTEMBER. HE KNEW THAT UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CAMPBELL, WHO HAD BEEN SO WARMLY RECEIVED BY HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES LAST MAY, HAD TAKEN A DIRECT AND PERSONAL INTEREST IN PLANNING AN EXTENSIVE TWO-WEEK PROGRAM THAT WOULD MEET VANCSA'S REQUIREMENTS AS WE UNDERSTOOD THEM. UNDER SECRETARY CAMPBELL AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ALSO LOOKED FORWARD TO RECIPROCATING IN SOME MEASURE THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM FORMER AGRICULTURE MINISTER DIMENY, DEPUTY MINISTER KAZARECZKI AND OTHERS. SINCE IN THE U.S. VIEW AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION HAD IN RECENT YEARS BEEN OF SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT TO BOTH COUNTRIES, MCAULIFFE INQUIRED WHETHER VANCSA VISIT WAS REALLY POSTPONED OR ACTUALLY CANCELLED. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE PROPOSED PROGRAM WORKED OUT WITH HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON HAD FAILED IN ANY WAY TO MEET BUDAPEST'S EXPECTATIONS. SPEAKING VERY PERSONALLY AND WITHOUT

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INSTRUCTIONS, MCAULIFFE SAID HE FOUND IT CURIOUS THAT VANCSA HAD

POSTPONED HIS VISIT AT A LATE DATE. AS A NON-EXPERT IN SUCH MATTERS HE ALSO FOUND IT ODD THAT A SENIOR HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURAL OFFICIAL APPEARED TO HAVE NO INTEREST IN EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH HIS SENIOR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS AT A TIME WHEN SEVERAL NATIONS ARE INVOLVED IN MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL GRAIN TRANSACTIONS WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO AFFECT FUTURE PLANTINGS.

2. WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION PUJA GAVE HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT VANCSA VISIT WAS POSTPONED AND VERY DEFINITELY NOT CANCELLED. HE SAID HE HAD LONG KNOWN NEW AGRICULTURAL MINISTER ROMANY ON PERSONAL

BASIS AND THAT LATTER IS KNOWLEDGEABLE, EXPERIENCED, PRACTICAL MAN WHO HAS WORKED WAY TO TOP THROUGH EVERY LEVEL OF HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURAL PROCESS. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT AMERICANS WILL FIND MINISTER ROMANY, LIKE DEPAZMIN KAZARECZKI, AN EASY AND EFFICIENT MAN WITH WHOM TO DO BUSINESS. HE SAID HE KNEW THAT U.S. PARTICIPATING IN UPCOMING AGRICULTURAL FAIR IN BUDAPEST LATER THIS MONTH; AND HE WELCOMED U.S. PRESENCE. HE EXPRESSED HEARTY AGREEMENT THAT US-HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION HAD BEEN OF GREAT BENEFIT TO HUNGARY AND OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO EXPAND AND INTENSIFY THAT RELATIONSHIP. HE CONFIDED THAT MINISTER ROMANY IS STILL GETTING ON TOP OF HIS JOB AND THAT HE EXPECTED VANCSA WILL PROPOSE A NEW DATE FOR HIS U.S. VISIT AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

3. COMMENT: VANCSA IS COMING. FONMIN PUJA LOVES USDA TOO.
MCAULIFFE

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